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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Policy Coordination

SUBJECT: PSB Staff Study on Publicity with Respect to Novel Weapons

1. The PSB Staff has circulated a staff study on the subject above *IN ORDER* to determine basic policy guidance with respect to Governmental statements on this subject and to establish a general procedure for release of information with respect to novel weapons.

2. The basic policy guidance must support our National objectives and, more specifically, be governed by the Tripartite disarmament proposal made before the UN General Assembly. (Paragraph 6, page 3)

3. The paper lists four considerations with respect to global treatment which should be answered before public statements are made, and then establishes seven principles of interim basic guidance. *Paragraph 7,* (Pages 4 and 5)

4. The need for a Novel Weapons Guidance Committee is recognized, which would include members from the principal Departments and Agencies of the Government and be chaired by a member from the White House Staff (Paragraph *4*, page 7)

5. Three tabs are attached to the basic paper, which include guidance for high level statements, the reduction of panic effect, and area media treatment.

6. The paper recommends that the afore-mentioned tabs be distributed to appropriate Departments and Agencies for guidance, that the afore-mentioned coordinating mechanism be established with the organizing action to be undertaken by the PSB Staff, that detailed interim guidance with respect to the supporting Tabs be prepared by the Department of State, that the members of the PSB authorize the Director to conduct an evaluation of the effects

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abroad of public statements with respect to novel weapons, using the facilities of Departments and Agencies responsible for the conduct of Psychological operations.

7. The following staff sections have had the opportunity to comment upon this paper: FE, NEA, WE, FY. The changes or modifications being recommended are proposed by the FY Division.

Proposed Action:

Recommend that you forward the attached memorandum with proposed changes and modifications to the paper to the Director of the PSB.

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Chief, Psychological Staff Division

Attachment:
Proposed Memo to Director, PSB
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